

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at

THE MEETING ROOM

On

WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018 AT 7:30PM

PRESENT	COUNCILLORS	Mr Mike Blomer (Chair) Mr Tim Beresford (Vice Chair) Mr John Doidge Mr Dave Cuthbert Mr David Sandells Mr Ken Blanch Mrs Cat Sellars Mrs Vicky Woodall
	CLERK	Mrs Julie Barnes
	PUBLIC	Mr Peter Green Mrs Sharon Reed

17/90 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Mr Peter Green and Mrs Sharon Reed. Apologies were received from Councillor Alison Rolf.

ACTION

17/91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

17/92 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None.

17/93 UPDATE FROM SMBC
The chair provided a brief description of a constructive meeting that had taken place between a number of councillors and the SMBC Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services Team on 11 January. Following on from that the chair was able to confirm that David Turton had arranged a further meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 22 January with the clerk in order for them to put forward a proposal with regard to the drainage difficulties faced by the Parish Council. A further update will be provided in due course.

**MB/
CLERK**

17/94 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 8 NOVEMBER 2017
The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Dave Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Cat Sellars.**

17/95 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING
17/39 Recreation Ground Car Park Drainage: The Chair confirmed that a quotation had now been received from GR Dawsons in the sum of £3,600 plus VAT. Further enquiries were being made regarding the extent of those works and what those works would entail.

TB/MB

17/65 *Travellers:* The chair confirmed that height restricting barriers were now in place. Initially it had been agreed to restrict the distribution of keys but councillors expressed concerns over emergency services vehicle access and, as a result, it was agreed that break safe key boxes would be fitted inside both the sports club and the scout and guide premises. **MB**

A further issue was raised regarding refuse collections from the scout and guide hut. Councillor Beresford confirmed he would discuss this further with Trevor Honeysett. **TB**

17/80 *Planning Applications/58 Meriden Road:* Councillor Doidge confirmed that he had received confirmation from SMBC that there was no official policy on gates and railings and that each decision was made at officer discretion.

17/58 *Station and Gardening Club:* Councillor Blanch confirmed that approval is still being awaited from West Midland Trains regarding the costs of the planters.

17/80.2 *Land North of 40 Old Station Road:* Councillor Doidge confirmed that a decision is still awaited.

17/81 *Crime in the Community:* The chair reminded councillors that after a recent call for volunteers to help with the neighbourhood watch and speed watch scheme, a number of people had come forward. A meeting had now been arranged with PC Simon Harrison on 5 February to move the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme forward. There remained no progress on the speed watch scheme at present and the PC were awaiting confirmation from PC Sharon Grant that refresher courses could be provided to current and willing volunteers. A Community Safety and Crime Question Time session organised by Dame Caroline Spelman was scheduled to take place at Arden Academy in Knowle at 7pm on 18 January and the chair confirmed that he would make further enquiries if appropriate. **MB**

The chair stated that the police surgery in the village is now well publicised and that turn out had increased. The chair thanked Councillor Sellars for her help in making that happen.

At present the PC is no further forward with locating a base for the police to work from within the village.

17/82 *Community Governance Review:* Councillor Cuthbert confirmed that following the end of the consultation on the Terms of Reference of the Review SMBC have now prepared draft proposals which will be presented to the Governance Committee on the 18th January and if approved a new consultation will be launched on these proposals. Councillor Cuthbert intends to include a further question and information sheet within the next PC newsletter. The deadline for responses will be 15 April 2018. **DC/CS**

Councillor Cuthbert explained that SMBC received 80 responses to the last consultation and 90% supported the Terms of Reference.

Councillor Cuthbert stated that if approved, SMBC have confirmed that Hampton in Arden will have 8 Councillors and Catherine de

Barnes a further 4.

All agreed that good progress had been made to date.

17/83 *Airport:* Councillor Sandells confirmed that the next ACC meeting is scheduled to take place on 15 February 2018.

17/96 PLANNING

Councillor Doidge referred everyone to the reports previously circulated. In particular, Councillor Doidge referred councillors to a further 3 applications that had been received following circulation of his report, those being:- Home Farm, Shadowbrook Lane, Nesfield Grove and 18 Bickenhill Lane. Councillor Doidge stated that it should be noted that the Home Farm application was *different* to the existing application already in.

MSA: Councillor Doidge explained that following a meeting with the PC and Councillor Bob Sleight and Dame Caroline Spelman on 24 November. Dame Caroline Spelman MP sponsored a petition to the Secretary of State seeking the refusal of the MSA on safety grounds. Signatures are still being collected with the petition closing on 24 January.

J6 Improvements: Councillor Doidge confirmed that further community exhibitions/consultations are taking place on the detailed design in Fentham Hall on Friday 19 January between 12 and 8pm.

The chair also noted that the application to remove to ground level a giant redwood tree at 24 Meriden Road had been withdrawn.

17/97 REAPPOINTMENT OF CATHERINE ELEY

The chair confirmed that the PC is required to appoint three residents to serve as Trustees of the George Fentham Trust and appointments are normally made for a period of 4 years. The current appointees are Catherine Eley, Tim Beresford and Martin Shalley. Catherine Eley was appointed in October 2013 and is willing to continue as a Trustee for a further 4 year term.

The reappointment was approved as **proposed by Councillor Tim Beresford and seconded by Councillor Cat Sellars.** **MB**

17/98 CLERK'S HOURS AND SALARY

The chair reminded all Councillors that Julie Barnes was appointed as the Parish Council clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on 30 January 2017 and is currently contracted to work 12 hours per week. Councillors are very aware that the clerk's hours have increased significantly over the year and, on a number of occasions, it has been necessary to work more than the contracted hours both at home and in the office by mutual agreement. The chair explained that the clerk has worked an additional 35 hours and it was agreed by Councillors to pay the clerk for those hours by way of one-off payment. In light of increased workloads and increasing demand going forward, it was recommended that the clerk's hours increase to 15 hours per week. The additional payment and increase of hours was approved as **proposed by Councillor Ken Blanch and seconded by Councillor Cat Sellars** and was unanimously agreed by all councillors. **CLERK**

17/99 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)

1. WALC – Councillor and Clerk induction courses
2. HS2 – Details of “drop in” surgeries
3. WALC – Rural Development Growth Programme
4. WALC – Events pricing structure
5. CSW Broadband – Progress report
6. WALC – events programme 2018
7. CAA – Noise impact survey
8. KDBH – notification of formal consultation on their Neighbourhood Plan
9. CSW Broadband – progress report
10. WALC – Members newsletter for December 2017
11. WALC – unsolicited approaches re GDPR
12. Upfront – NP e-bulletin
13. WALC – Nominations for Royal Garden Party
14. WALC – Members newsletter January 2018
15. MP – Constituency Community Question Time
16. SMBC – Great British Spring Clean 2018
17. WALC – Invitation to Western Power Distribution Seminar

17/100 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor Sellars referred all councillors to the minutes and special report already circulated. Councillors confirmed that they had all considered the special report in advance of the meeting.

In particular, Councillor Sellars explained to the councillors that an official complaint had been made to the chair regarding the poster erected at the Hampton in Arden train station. The complaint, made by the owner and manager of Sandwiches at No.6 related to a concern that the business had not been included within the poster when other food businesses in the village had. Councillor Sellars expressed her regret that offence had been caused and stated that a full explanation had been sent to the owner of the business confirming the intention to provide more detailed leaflets alongside the poster. However, Councillor Sellars explained to all councillors that this response had not been accepted as sufficient and that, as a result, councillors must now consider possible next steps and the cost implications of the same.

Following a further discussion regarding the possible options circulated in advance of the meeting by Councillor Sellars, to include, replacement, temporary fixes or no further action, councillors agreed the most suitable next steps were to place a sticker onto the poster showing that other businesses were located within the village, to include food outlets. The costs of replacing the poster would be in the region of £600 and councillors did not agree with such a cost being incurred. The poster will require replacement in approximately 2/3 years in any event and the contents would be reviewed further at that stage.

The chair would work with Councillor Sellars to provide a formal response to the complaint on behalf of the parish council.

**MB/CS/
CLERK**

Separately, Councillor Woodall enquired whether a village tidy would be taking place with a number of people expressing an interest to her. Councillor Sellars confirmed that it was intended the village tidy would take place the weekend before the village festival.

Councillors Sellars confirmed that the February newsletter was still in the process of being produced and that it was hoped that it would be ready for distribution in early February.

CS

17/101 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Meeting with AECOM: Councillor Doidge confirmed that a meeting had taken place earlier in the day with AECOM regarding the M42/J6 improvements. The meeting provided an opportunity for the consultants to gather information from the parish council regarding the various difficulties faced.

ACC Meeting: Councillor Sandells reminded councillors that a meeting had taken place shortly after the last parish council meeting in November. The meeting had been positive with a commitment to the airport using QC1 aircraft (the quietest category for night time flying) and that, moving forwards, no extra aircraft would fly between the hours of 11:30pm and 5am. The matter would be kept under review. The next ACC meeting will take place in February (as detailed above).

Meriden Liaison Committee: The chair confirmed that the postponed (due to poor weather) quarry meeting was now scheduled to take place on 22 January and that he would be attending.

17/87 FINANCE

The quarterly accounts and payments for 9 months ending 31 December 2017 were accepted as **proposed by Councillor John Doidge and seconded by Councillor Ken Blanch.**

17/88 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair confirmed the dates for next meetings:-

Maintenance Committee Meeting: 7 February 2018; and
Parish Council Meeting: 14 March 2018.

CLERK

Meeting closed at 9.20pm